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All those in favor vote aye. All those opposed vote no.
Have you all voted? Clerk will record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, Mr. President on motion to advance.

PRESIDENT: 182A is advanced. That brings up Senator Stull's L.B. 324. Is there someone here to handle that? Senator Carpenter?

SENATOR CARPENTER: I'll try it.

PRESIDENT: You going to try it? All right. Clerk will read the title. Before we launch into that L.B. 180, excuse me, 324, the Chair would like the prerogative of introducing a group of students that we have visiting this morning and we're delighted to have them here. There are 37 Seventh Graders from Wayne Middle School of Wayne, Nebraska, Senator Murphy's district and their instructor is Mr. Dan Johnson and Mr. John Shupe. They are seated in the South Balcony and we're just delighted to have you here today because you're the only school group that visited us this morning and up until now we felt kind of lonesome. We're glad to have you here. As a matter of fact, let's give them a hand while they're here. We are discussing non controversial bills this morning and so you may wonder why there isn't more debate on the bills. If you watch the board up behind me, you'll also see the number of the bill appear up at the top there so that you'll know the number of the bill that is at least being explained. We sometimes take up amendments to them so you'll hear and see some parliamentary maneuvering here on the floor but the bills largely are non-controversial and there won't be any great debate or argument on them this morning. That's because on Friday, many Senators are excused and we don't have really a full compliment of Senators here. There are many reasons for them not to be here so there are valid reasons for them to be excused. All right. We'll move on to the general file then, consideration of L.B. 324.

CLERK: Legislative Bill 324, introduced by Senator Stull of the 49th district (read). There are committee amendments by Senator Kremer's Public Works Committee.

SENATOR CARPENTER: I move the adoption of the amendments.

PRESIDENT: We have the committee amendments?

SENATOR CARPENTER: Yes.

PRESIDENT: All right.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Is any member of the committee here that--

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner. Chair recognizes Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, what the committee amendment does is two things. It restricts the Department to making application for reducing standards on those roads which are not now presently hard surfaced and I think there are some roads strictly in Senator Stull's district in which traffic and other conditions do not justify building those particular State roads when they are dustless surface to the standards that would otherwise be required by the law. The second portion of the amendment assures that this would not be used to, in another section of law which permits the State to abandon or, not to abandon, but to take a road off the State system which, that law states that if they are planning it, it has to be dustless surface and remain that way for three years and then it could be returned back to the County. This is to make sure that the reduction of standards will not apply to that particular case so, the only effect of the bill then